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1. Until dismantling began at Peenemünde, Obermeister Becker was in charge of the installation. Construction of a few V-weapons was proceeding; but there were no specialists available for the building of tanks, combustion units, and steering systems, and the apparatus could not be tested on the testing stands. The Russians thereupon charged Becker with sabotage and shipped him off to a camp in Neubrandenburg.
2. The Wittik construction company is performing some of the dismantling; the rest is being done by Dismantling Brigade No. 1, comprising approximately 350 men based in Karlshagen and directed by Lt. Col. Frolov. The 3,000 German workers are housed in the Peenemünde compound.
3. The plant, formerly called Versuchsanstalt Peenemünde, is now named Landeseigene Werke Peenemünde. The business director is Karl Heinz Marien, and the technical director is Ing. Friederich Bell.

Late April

4. Major Koslov assumed command in April, replacing Lt. Col. Frolov, who had succeeded Lt. Col. Vedenski.
5. [REDACTED] V-weapon research at Peenemünde never reached the testing stage. The Russians, he says, knew little about guided missiles and did not get very far, despite repeated briefing by German personnel. Drawings found at Peenemünde were only of secondary importance and an attempt was made to salvage scuttled V-weapons.
6. Test stand 9 was for "Wasserfall". Test stand 7 was for V-weapons (sic) which were not developed. This stand had not been dismantled as of April 1947. Fliess & Lorbeer of Saalfeld were supplying parts for it. Chief activity centered on the construction of a "Brennwagen".

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25X1X 7. [REDACTED] no
noticeable progress has been made, especially with regard to
V-2 missiles, during the last year.

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or transferred elsewhere in the near future. [REDACTED] assumes
this on the basis of various changes made during the last few
25X1X weeks with regard to leading Soviet staff members. He believes
the fact [REDACTED] bears this out.

9. The two chief Soviet engineers disappeared shortly before 1 May
and have not been seen since.

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